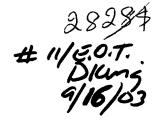


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Date: September 10, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the April 10, 2003 Office Action for two-months, i.e., from July 10, 2003 to September 10, 2003.

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